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THREE GOALS IN SIX MINUTES HAKOAH'S SUPER SHOW

— By Andrew Dettre —

Enjoy the quality difference — so says the motto of Hakoah's sponsors, smallgoods specialist Presto, and the players last Sunday took this advice to heart.

Putting on the best display seen in Sydney for many years, they demolished Marconi in the inaugural Philips League Grand Final, romping to a 4-1 lead by half time.

It was nothing short of a classy performance, the kind you'd expect to see from Liverpool or, perhaps, in the World Cup finals.

As though inspired or intoxicated, Hakoah brutally punished Marconi for their slightest mistakes.

And mistakes there were galore (see full match story on page 4).

New national coach Rudi Gutendorf was duly impressed. "I never expected such football in Sydney," he said after.

"I am thrilled that you have players here with such natural ability, tactical discipline and physical condition."

"Now I'm confident I can build a very good national team."

Gutendorf was reluctant to give an individual assessment of the players he had seen.

However, it was clear that Mullen, O'Connor, Campbell, Watson and Sharne impressed him.

"That Mullen," he sighed, "he is like the young Breitner was a few years ago."

The Grand Final was an undoubted success and the attendance exceeded most realistic hopes.

However, the pre-match promotion was one of the worst even for notoriously slack Sydney.

Two days before the match, two of the morning papers carried not a single line about the game — the Herald and the Australian.

The "unbiased" ABC, towards whose upkeep soccer fans contribute the same as anybody else, managed to keep the existence of the match totally out of its Saturday TV sports summary.

Commercial radio, happily hooked on the undeclared war that goes under the name of rugby league, ignored the event with traditional nonchalance.

The Philips League, it seems, has failed to market the match though, admittedly, the rugby league hysteria created an unfavorable climate.

There could have been at least some token presentation of the trophy — still being man factured — after the match instead of the teams trooping off into oblivion.

In these respects, Sydney soccer still has an enormous lot to learn.

Gutendorf might have been impressed with the standard of the game.

But he could have been forgiven for asking afterwards, in all the innocence of a newcomer: was this an important match?

Yes, Rudi, it was ...



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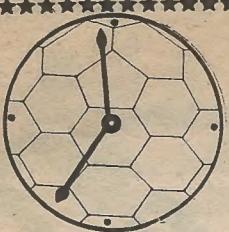
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Sydney's "Quiet Man" of coaching, Gerry Chaldi, has done it again. Following his championship win with Hakoah last year, he now has added the 1978 Grand Final to his short but impressive record. The French-born former Israeli star, now 42, has built Hakoah into Australia's classiest outfit, a silk-smooth machine which keeps purring from one success to another. "My ideal is the Dutch and German football in which every player tries to get involved totally," he says. "I aim at having players equally at home up front or at the back or in midfield. In the Grand Final, the team came close to this concept." Our picture shows Gerry Chaldi being hugged by a keen Hakoah fan after Sunday's triumph, when his team beat Marconi 4-2.

3 TO 7

Conducted by Val Hokin
and Emmanuel Kanna



Hawkesbury (6th Div.) conducted their Foundation Cup competition, with the semifinals to be played between Blacktown Spurs v Kingswood B and Riverstone v Kingswood A. Previous winners have been: 1976 — Hawkesbury B; 1977 — Riverstone. The club provides a winning trophy and medals for the winners and runners-up. Cash prizes of \$150 to the winner, \$30 to the runners-up and \$20 to the third team is provided by the Hawkesbury Sporting Club Ltd.

The Hawkesbury club started on June 30, 1975, and was given the use of North Richmond Oval with the Hawkesbury Sporting Club's licensed premises adjacent. The North Richmond Parks Committee has decided to spend \$50,000 on lighting which will cover soccer, rugby league and tennis. Hawkesbury are hoping to field junior teams in 1979. With a population growth of 5000 in two years, the need is apparent. The club applied in 1978 to the Nepean Districts to field juniors but was rejected. They have applied to the new Blacktown District Association for 1979 but were referred to the NSW Amateurs, who suggested they reapply to Nepean Districts. Having done so, the club is awaiting their decision.

Maccabi (7th Div.) feel their reserve grade may have come close to a record in that the team had not one player sent off during the season and no players received four yellow cards either. Coach Ron Lilling believes that emphasis on skills pays dividends. Other clubs who feel they could better this record or have club news on players, officials, post-season matches, socials or presentation evenings please phone Val Hokin, 604-3193, or Emmanuel Kanna on 50-7380.

Coach Brian Trubshaw will be available for a coaching position with a Federation team in 1979. Brian has been assistant coach with Prospect County during 1977 and 1978, and has had experience overseas and holds a preliminary certificate. Enquiries: (046) 25-9995.

Emu Plains (7th Div.) may not have finished high on the tables but coach Joe Naumann believes the next year or two will see Emu Plains more successful as players from their under-16 and under-18 move up into the Federation ranks. The club will be holding their presentation day on October 8 at the BMG Picnic Grounds, Yarramundi, Castlereagh. The club had five junior teams winning their divisions: under-8-2, under-10-12, under-11-13, under 14-2, and the under-6 West One went through the season undefeated with no goals against — which must be somewhat of a record. The under-12 and under-16A teams travelled to Queensland to play against Merton East Soccer Club. The trip was very successful and Merton East will make a trip to Emu Plains in 1979. Celebrating their 10th anniversary next year, the club records show they started in 1969 with three teams and now field 25, which surely must confirm reports that soccer is one of the fastest growing sports.

Prospect County (6th Div.) will be holding their presentation night at the Cabramatta Golf Club on Saturday, November 11. Club trophies, coaches, sportsmanship and encouragement awards will be presented as well as silver goblets to those who have played their 100th match for the County: Mark Robak, Anthony Marziano and Bruce Johnson, who will join John Preston, Gerry Duggan and Ritchie Gillespie in this distinction. The closing date for the Festival of Nations KO competitions has been re-set for Wednesday, September 27. This competition is open to 5th, 6th, and 7th Division Federation clubs and District Association and Sydney Amateur League clubs. It will be conducted at Knight Park, Fairfield, in October. Match times for clubs involved in cricket can be arranged to suit. Enquiries: phone Val Kokin 604-3193.

It is evident that in years to come many clubs will have to consider amalgamation for self-preservation as the drain on players and club administrators in the Western area, particularly, is astronomical. For the code to flourish, for which some clubs have neither the time or inclination to consider, this appears to be the most logical answer.

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CLUB PATROL

Polonia's STEVE FISCHER, an officer in the Royal Australian Navy, will spend the off-season far from any football fields ... submerged under the ocean on board a submarine.

Croatia suffered their first major injury in several months last week when powerful centre-back BRUNO CAGALJ sprained his ankle at training. As a result he had to miss the match last weekend against Marrickville Olympic.

Sutherland's PAUL SMITH made a last-ditch stand to get back into the first team contention after a lay-off through injury, and only this week's training sessions will tell if he has made it.

Manly's players were given last weekend off, as they had no match and, of course, most of the players made a bee-line for the Cricket Ground to watch fellow seadiders take part in the Rugby League Grand Final.

Sutherland have been struck heavily with injuries this year — depleting a 33-man squad JOHN WATKISS had at the start of the year to 22 players for the top two grades. This has meant that the second grade team has suffered a great deal of "cannibalisation" on its ranks, and their top-four placing earns even more merit.

Manly's Fijian striker JOE NAVALU has had a chequered career with the seadiders. He has had some great games for the team and, unfortunately, has had more than his fair share of injuries. Now Joe is certain to miss the remaining matches of the season due to an injury he suffered at work.

TOONGABBIE must be one of the few soccer clubs to have made a profit from this season, having cleared around \$100,000. The club plans to put the money to good use in the coming months, and has several plans drawn up, all of which will be revealed in the near future.

Ku-ring-gai's coach MICK JONES is certain to take over at Toongabbie for next season.

Congratulations to ARTHUR SMITH, Arncliffe Scots' left-back from the reserve team, who is being married on Saturday.

ATTI ABONYI is determined to see Croatia make this year's Grand Final, as it will not only top off a great year for the club, but give Atti his ninth grand final appearance. He has played in seven for St. George, and last year for Croatia, and now rests two appearances behind Johnny Watkiss who took part in 10 grand finals.

TASMAN CUP
Tony Pezzano's brilliance in goal and his ability to inspire his Canterbury High team stands between Normanhurst High and their first Tasman Cup.

The schools meet at Englefield Stadium, Dural, at 8pm on Tuesday, October 3, in the final of the 275-team State-wide championship.

Pezzano, still only 17, is understudy to Socceroo Todd Clarke in goal for Eastern Suburbs Hawks.

He kept Canterbury, holders of the cup, in the game in their semi-final against Booragoon at Dural last week.

In the 10th minute he took a backward dive to tip a high shot over the bar and save Canterbury from a 0-1 deficit.

No goalkeeper in schoolboy football would have got near the ball.

Pat Serrett, Canterbury's other outstanding player, scored the only goal of the game.

He feinted at a right wing cross, wrong-footing the defence, turned into space and let fly with a splendid shot into the roof of the net.

For Tuesday week's final

pearances behind Johnny Watkiss who took part in 10 grand finals.

Toongabbie's ace striker JIMMY IZATT has won some respect for the club this year with his goalscoring feats, having knocked in two hat-tricks and occupying third spot on the top scorers list.

Yugal's DUSAN PURAC is expected back from Yugoslavia before the end of this month. Dusan and his wife and kids took a holiday to Yugoslavia to visit relatives.

The Sutherland Juniors Soccer Association will hold their 26th annual presentation night this Friday at the Taren Point Bowls Club. Awards for all the juniors teams and players will be handed out on the night.

This Saturday Sutherland will hold its "Miss Sutherland Soccer Queen" Ball, to select the top girl from amongst the area's contestants. Proceeds are in aid of charity.

Congratulations to Manly second grader MIKE SIMONS who turned 21 last Friday. He celebrated the event with his fellow team mates, who were also celebrating their 1978 premiership win.

Yugal's TONY ZAKNIC, out of action for the past 10 weeks, has just resumed training. Tony un-

derwent a cruciate ligament operation, but feels strong enough now to try and regain his fitness through the off-season.

Polonia are determined to keep active during the off-season, and have been arranging numerous training games and friendly dashes. In the next two weeks they will take on two New Zealand clubs, PAPA TOE TOE, and MIRAMAR, both at Chopin Park, on September 24 and 30, respectively.

The Toongabbie Under 14 Federation premiership side will take part in a summer coaching clinic on November 7 to help keep the lads in tune for the 1979 season.

Work on the new Yugal club premises in the city slowed down for a period a few months back, but have picked up considerably now, and work should be completed in about six weeks. When the club opens it will be as a social club, with no alcohol licence or poker machines. These are expected to be added within a few months, depending upon the success of the application.

Another presentation night in the Sutherland area will be held on Monday, September 25, when numerous keen soccer men will be presented with their junior coaching certificates, having passed various coaching courses. It is good to see that some fathers who take control of junior teams

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consider going in for these courses, as this is one step in the right direction to acquire the correct techniques and tactics.

YUGAL is looking for former players, and wants any player who was with them to contact MIKE ALAGICH on 977-2891. A mini-tournament is planned to be held between old boys of four famous clubs: Yugal, Polonia, APIA nad South Coast, with games and informal picnic atmosphere.

Word has it that Croatia is planning some big things for the next year or so, such as the building of their own ground and club premises close by. With the team pulling in a healthy average of around 2500 people each week, many feel that the people deserve better facilities than are provided at most State League grounds.

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YOUNG DEMONS



This is Toongabbie's under-14 team which won the NSW Federation Juniors U-14 title. Coach Keith Healy looked after the club's three junior teams under the management of Alan Irving, appointed to concentrate on youth development. The Young Demons travelled to all their away matches in a chartered bus.

VIERI CLAIM

Marconi coach RALE RASIC last week claimed in a Sydney newspaper that Roberto Vieri was a member of Italy's World Cup squad in 1970, in Mexico.

Well, not quite. There was a Vieri in Italy's squad—wearing No. 17—but he was Lido Vieri, a goalkeeper from Inter Milan.

This Vieri was born in 1939 and, before his retirement, played four times for Italy.

Marconi's Roberto Vieri (born in 1946), who was with Bologna and Sampdoria, never played for Italy in a World Cup or anything else; merely five times for Italy's "B" side.

Normanhurst loom up as the more skilful all round side.

They have a defence that is quite capable of cutting off the long balls that Canterbury use to their forwards, with Warren Spring particularly good on the high ones.

Tim Yates, John Martin, Peter Seach and David Fry all have definite scoring potential.

Pezzano, though, is the player to be feared for Canterbury, and it will take an outstanding shot to beat him.

— K.G.

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SENIOR PLAYERS

The club is also seeking experienced players for next year to strengthen its senior ranks. Interested players should contact the undersigned.

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Young Marconi starlet Bertie Mariani, sure to be soon in Socceroo calculations. Last Sunday, however, Mariani seemed overawed by the occasion — like so many of his team-mates. What could have been a consolation prize after a near-tragic season turned sour for Marconi, losing the Grand Final in one of the best matches seen in Sydney for years.

MARCONI CRACKED UNDER PRESSURE

It was the biggest collapse in Australia since Melbourne's Westgate bridge came tumbling down: Marconi, leading by six points at the halfway mark, finished a poor fourth at the end — another six points behind the champions.

Undefeated in their first 13 matches, Marconi managed only a miserable eight points in their next 13 games.

In racing circles this would have called for a dope test; in a dictatorship for a sabotage trial. However, here both would have probably proved negative.

What is often forgotten, however, is that even during their wonderful first half run, Marconi were not without blemishes.

They collected some lucky points (Brisbane City 3-2, St. George 2-1, Olympic 1-1) which could have easily cost them dearly.

Manager Raleasic often said publicly that Mark Jankovics' stubborn injury was the single most damaging factor in their decline. Jankovics started being a crock in the 10th round and from then on fought a losing battle against his groin injury, making an occasional return followed by further spells.

Anyway, talented as he is, Jankovics was not cast in the playmaker role in a team which possessed a Rooney, Vieri and Prskalo.

Gary Byrne's injuries and then departure for West Germany could have been a more plausible explanation.

However, Byrne was suitably replaced by Ray Richards until he and coach Rasic fell out.

It must be stressed, however, that for long weeks Marconi looked and played like true champions.

When they clicked there was some sweet smoothness about this team, an aura of total confidence and, occasionally, European class.

I would not have believed it possible that injuries to Jankovics and Byrne could so thoroughly change their strength and still refuse to believe it as the only reason.

After all, hardly any team went through the season without injury or suspension problems yet none experienced an eclipse on the Marconi scale.

The defence which conceded a mere nine goals in the first 13 matches — and which remained basically unaltered — conceded 22 in the second half of the season.

And if there was any really vulnerable point in this team it was in the middle of the defence, where the two slow, left-footed players Russell and Prskalo were often at sixes and sevens.

Prskalo, polished and elegant as he is, has never been able to discipline himself to do without his risky little tricks including

casual backpasses which resulted in several goals.

Vieri had an excellent season while Rooney was his old tireless self, the throbbing heart of the team. Jankovics, especially in the first few matches, looked like developing into Australia's most modern midfielder.

In front of this trio — and well complemented by Byrne when the formation needed it — was the youthful twin striking pair of Sharne and Mariani, both talented though in different ways.

Sharne, on his day, was Australia's most exciting winger; if he had Mariani's skill he could play for Nottingham Forest.

And so could Mariani — if he had Sharne's speed ...

When things started to sour for Rasic, he signed Peter Ollerton from South Melbourne, a costly venture of dubious merit.

In his 10 appearances Ollerton got two goals and that, from a man rated only for his finishing powers, especially in the air, was woefully inadequate.

Ollerton's arrival in many ways disrupted the rhythm and unity of the team; his commuting from Melbourne for several weeks proved to be a bone of contention with other players.

Meanwhile, Ollerton wasn't happy either, trying to slot into a new environment and having employment problems.

Some critics claim that Marconi's demise started with the psychological warfare Rasic

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decided to wage against the ASF in the Sharne-Degney case.

As several players from other clubs said later: everybody began to hate Marconi and lift their game against them.

Living under such siege conditions — and without Jankovics and Byrne — the team simply had to crack.

Rasic himself began to lose the unanimous support of his club and some weeks before the end of the season was on the verge of being axed.

Next year Marconi will be without Rooney and perhaps even without Rasic.

But it's hard to see this team and club staying out of the limelight for long.

Enjoying by far the best support of the five Sydney PSL outfits, they should stay at the forefront of Australian soccer for years and in 1979 may even achieve all that they set out for this year when things looked rosy.

—A.D.



Wests' Peter Stone, soon to try his luck with London's Tottenham.



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HAKOAH v MARCONI 4-2

Marconi exposed to deadly blitz

There can be no dispute that the better team won the PSL Grand Final and won it handsomely, with a brilliant first half display which netted four goals.

In a memorable first 45-minute blitzkrieg, Hakoah shocked Marconi with a superb performance.

In this, they received unexpected though probably welcome outside aid.

With what might have been the tactical blunder of his career, Marconi coach Rale Rasic all but handed the match to Hakoah.

By switching Paul Degney from left to right in the defence he not only destabilised his rearguard but also broke up the deadly Degney-Sharne partnership.

The result of this was devastating: Hakoah scored three decisive goals in a matter of six minutes—ALL coming from the flank of the nonplussed Degney.

Still, it's doubtful if any team in Australia could have withstood Hakoah's brilliant first half surge.

They moved swiftly and

smoothly, propelling the ball with deft one-touch moves, never to the man but always to the open space.

Some of their wall-passes and triangles, performed almost on a sixpence, must have deeply impressed national coach Rudi Gutendorf who could have been excused for thinking that he was watching a very good Bayern Munchen.

Against all this, Marconi could only provide dash and zest, making the first half hour a memorable and fairly even contest.

In fact, the first chance came Marconi's way when in the 7th minute Mariani's lob was cleared on the line by Treter.

In the 23rd minute, rather unexpectedly, Marconi even grabbed the lead.

Vieri drew the defence, created a huge gap in the middle, slipped

the ball to Ollerton and the big striker calmly slotted the ball home to an almost empty net with Clark badly out of position.

But within two minutes things were even. Barnes backheaded a throw-in and there was Smith volleying it home from a few metres.

Watson in the 33rd minute and Ollerton two minutes later had chances.

And then came the sudden knock-out: three quick goals and the end of the contest.

In the 38th minute a corner from the left grazed some heads in the goalmouth and there was little Joe Watson heading the ball under the bar.

Four minutes later Stevenson took a vicious, curving corner

from the same side, the ball was allowed to drop in the goalmouth and young Treter rammed it home.

One minute from halftime a throw-in again from the left was played into the box; Silva's shot smashed against the crossbar and Campbell had no problem tapping the rebound home.

At halftime, belatedly, Rasic switched Degney back to his original flank—but by then the damage was done.

Why he didn't use Brogan at right fullback from the start will remain unexplained.

But when he came on in the 60th minute he proved the folly of the initial line-up.

After the tremendous first half the second period had to be an anticlimax.

Hakoah were content with their huge lead though Marconi, under the promptings of a visibly upset Vieri, desperately tried to turn the tide.

In the 61st minute they reduced the leeway. A harmless looking shot was punched out by Clarke, Mullen hesitated with the clearance and Vieri pushed the ball in from one metre past the prostrate Clarke, still on the ground.

This was the sum total of Marconi's response. In the last 15 minutes or so it was mainly Hakoah again and through Barnes (74th minute), Campbell (80) and Mullen (82) they could have easily made it even 7-2.

For most of the match, Marconi tried valiantly and at no stage was the game one-sided.

However, the difference between the teams was Hakoah's ability to create half chances—and convert them with aplomb and verve.

Hakoah had no real weak points. In the defence Mullen was quite outstanding but young Treter's debut—replacing the suspended Thomson—was also a success.

Souness, not totally fit, couldn't be expected to do much better at left back instead of the injured Mowbray while O'Connor held Ollerton with ease. Perhaps Clarke could be blamed for the second goal, a real "softie."

The midfield was marvellously effective: when it mattered—in the first half—they blotted out Vieri and Rooney. Stevenson and Campbell were in top form but Barnes also played a big part in seizing this vital no-man's land.

In the attack Watson was the spiritual leader: some of his runs and crosses were in the Garrincha class. Smith's calm, impeccable



Silva (back to camera) sends in a vicious shot in last Sunday's game with Marconi's Sharne mesmerised and Barnes and Treter (right) on the ready.

Mullen, Mariani and Ollerton had all their shortcomings cruelly exposed just when it counted.

Referee Don Campbell allowed as much free play as he could without risking an open warfare.

Even so he handed out three cautions — Treter, Campbell and Prskalo — and was extremely lenient when Vieri literally bashed into an opponent right in front of him.

As for his decision not to apply the unwritten advantage rule when a promising Marconi attack unfolded: he was right.

He wanted to caution Treter — and for that the game had to be stopped.

HAKOAH: Clarke 3, Mullen 5, Treter 1, O'Connor 4, Souness 3 (Kershaw 65m), Barnes 4, Stevenson 4, Campbell 5, Smith 4, Silva 3, **Watson 5.**

MARCONI: Maher 3, Selvage 3 (Brogan 60m), Russell 3, Prskalo 3, Degney 2, Vieri 5, Rooney 4, Jankovics 2, Mariani 2, Ollerton 2, Silva 4.

GOALS: 0-1 Ollerton (23m) 1-1 (25m) 2-1 Watson (38m) 3-1 Treter (42m) 4-1 Campbell (44m) 4-2 Vieri (61m).

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Vieri trying to get past Hakoah goalie Clarke in one of his many second half bids to reduce his team's awesome leeway.

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RASIC TO GO?

Rale Rasic is unlikely to stay with Marconi for very much longer.

Marconi officials said after the Grand Final that opposition to the former national coach had grown to almost intolerable levels.

"He's been with us for three years now and it may be time to make a change," a leading official said.

There is an outside chance that Roberto Vieri may be offered the position as player-coach next year.

Rasic, after two seasons with Marconi in the PSL, has ended up empty handed which seems to irk many club officials and supporters desperate for tangible success.

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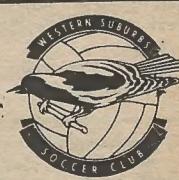
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24: 2pm film starring Malcolm McDonald with a star-studded supporting cast. 8pm Robert Gennari — international singing star.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26: Euchre Night.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE FOR MEMBERS



PHILIPS CUP 1978



Canberra's chance for making amends

After a pause of some weeks, the Philips Cup resumes this weekend with matches in three cities.

For several teams the break in their routine has caused severe problems and this may show up in their performances.

Newcastle have already qualified for the semifinals with a 1-0 win over Western Suburbs.

The greatest battle may take place in the national capital where Canberra City are hosts to Fitzroy.

No matter how kindly you wish to approach the question, the fact remains that Canberra City once

again finished second last in the PSL and this, after a promising start, must be a bitter pill to swallow by the multi-ethnics.

Now the Cup offers a chance for redemption. Canberra, at home, have been always hard to toss and, perhaps, the few weeks' rest did them a lot of good.

Last year Fitzroy reached the semifinals and in this field of only average strength, may graft their chance to go one better.

A great deal will depend on the

unpredictable, if not adventurous, Canberra defence where Tilsed's performances vary from the brilliant to the horrid.

Should he again decide to take undue risks with aimless meanderings from his goal, the experienced and cunning Buljevic, Cole and Campbell are certain to punish him promptly.

Byrne needs more help than he's been getting lately to penetrate the solid Fitzroy defence and it may take one of Tony Henderson's better displays to keep Canberra in the Cup hunt.

In Brisbane, last year's winners, City, will try the impossible and knock out Easts Hakoah, undoubtedly the steadiest team in the PSL.

Brisbane City's woes may take months to rectify after a totally disastrous season and one doubts whether the few weeks' rest would have been sufficient to restore their shattered morale.

But you never know: City may approach their task with the kind of defiance which can move mountains.

Hakoah, with Eddie Thomson back in the fold after his suspension, look formidable enough



Brian Stoddart, Canberra City.

CUP NEWS

ALBION LOST IN THE MIST

David Ratcliffe, 21-year-old defender previously with Bradford City, could retain his place in the Brisbane City Cup line-up against Easts-Hakoah at Perry Park. Alan Marley is right out of the selection picture, but Peter Tokesi is back in the squad following injury.

Eddie Thomson, Easts-Hakoah's sterling defender, is back in the team after his one match suspension.

Lloyd Hardes and **Bill Amey** are competing for positions when Newcastle meet the winner of Easts-Hakoah and Brisbane City in the Cup semi-final. Hardes is match fit again following a cartilage operation.

Three busloads of Newcastle fans left Newcastle at 3.30 am last Sunday morning. Destination was Canberra, where the teams fought out the first leg of the Prime Minister's Cup, which was presented for the competition by Alliance Acceptance Co Ltd. Canberra won 2-0.

Iron-man left-back Henry Mowbray trained on his damaged leg last week and thought he was right for the grand final. Then it swelled up again and his chance quickly evaporated. Henry has no cartilage in the knee and he could face another operation on it.

Steve Hogg, Kuni Kaveleva and Luis Salgado all have good chances of places in Canberra City's team against Fitzroy in Sunday's Cup Clash. Danny Moulis has had back trouble, leaving the right-back position available, and Mike Milovanovic is in Yugoslavia on holidays.

Ian Souness played left-back for Easts-Hakoah last week, but he had to have an injection for muscle injury before he could go on. Fortunately for his team Marconi had no right winger to fully test him out. He was replaced in the 65th minute by Alan Kershaw, who came through very well.

Albion Leyland, the club that shocked the Victorian soccer world by announcing that it was insolvent two months ago, has now lost virtually its entire first team.

The State League Tribunal last Wednesday freed eight players: Jim Deparis, Kit Greechan, Dan McCluskey, Bill McCormick, Geoff Oliver, Noel Mitten, Alan Quin and Derek Doolan.

Two other first-teamers, Frank Campbell and Bill McIntrye, agreed to wait until November 15 for their back pay, otherwise they will be freed, too.

Another player, Gordon Bentley, has a hearing pending, and Alex Warke, brother of Ipswich Town's John Warke, who is recovering from a broken leg, was freed previously.

Albion were reprieved from relegation by Ringwood City's late collapse, but face a bleak 1979.

The club changed its name from Rovers to Leyland in return for some sponsorship from the ailing motor manufacturer, but Leyland is closing its Foothscray plant and that's the end of the sponsorship.

Albion was formed by a group of people who broke away from nearby Sunshine City some 13 years ago, and negotiations towards amalgamation with Sunshine have been proceeding for some time, but now appear to have fallen through.

I understand that Western Suburbs, a Greek-backed Metro First Division side who play in the same area, have now made overtures.

Albion plays at Selwyn Park, an enclosed ground with a grand stand, and has a social club which is one of the best appointed in Victoria.

Western Suburbs has the money to bail Albion out, plenty of support, but no ground, so the attraction is obvious.

However, different ethnic backgrounds could be an insuperable stumbling block again.

— LES SHORROCK

RUDI GUEST

Not surprisingly, Hakoah threw a small, impromptu but lavish celebration party after the Grand Final at their clubhouse.

National coach Rudi Gutendorf was among the few invited guests.

Star performer at the microphone was Bobby Smith, obviously the team's chief clown.

ESSENDON MAY BE BIG HURDLE

— FROM LES SHORROCK —

Adelaide City may have quite a battle on their hands in Melbourne on Sunday against Essendon.

Since the departure of the "big three", South Melbourne, Footscray and Fitzroy, to the PSL ranks, Essendon, Adelaide City's Cup opponents, have become a major force in Victorian State soccer.

The club has arisen, Phoenix-like, from the ashes of the old Croatia, the club that was expelled from the VSF in 1972.

Lions, a Ukrainian-backed club, were relegated from the State League also in 1972 and became Essendon Lions, a Metropolitan club.

Several ex-Croatia committeemen joined the Essendon club, and it consolidated its position in the Metro First Division until it was automatically elevated with Green Gully, Frankston City and Altona City to fill the vacancies in the State League.

Last season they finished a respectable seventh, but this year they have cantered away with the title, losing only three times in the process.

After the sensational pre-season sacking of coach Duncan McKay, an ex-Croatia stalwart and Scottish international himself, Rothman's medal winner John Gardiner took over, but relinquished the task to Billy McArthur mid-season to concentrate on playing.

Essendon's rise to prominence this season has been aided by the shrewd purchase of Tom Cumming from Sunshine for around \$7000.

This pint-sized, tenacious warrior is undoubtedly the star attraction of the State League, and he has justified that billing with 11 goals this season.

In the game against Dundee he turned the tourists' Scottish in-

ternational back, Eric Schaebler, inside out — and Dundee offered to take him back with them.

Another rising star at Essendon is Eddie Krncevic, the 18-year-old striker.

Krnicevic's record this year is remarkable. In the first five State League games he scored five times.

In the fifth game he broke his leg, but 11 weeks later he came back against Albion, scored twice and left the same weekend with the Australian Schoolboys for the USA.

After scoring prolifically on the tour, he scored on his re-appearance and then shot Essendon into the Dockerty Cup semi-final with two excellent goals.

In contrast to Adelaide City, Essendon will go into the Philips Cup quarter-final with plenty of match practice behind them.

Since the end of the Philips League, Essendon will have played three League games and two Dockerty Cup ties, whilst Adelaide City have knocked back a replay with West Adelaide, fearing injuries and possible disciplinary action.

One cloud hangs over the Reds, though.

Their hard-tackling midfield powerhouse and captain, Alan Kerr, collected a yellow card in the Dockerty Cup tie against Frankston, and he could get a suspension.

Possible line-up: Yakka Banovic; Grant Smart, Steve Kokoska, John Gardiner, Ante Bilaver, Howard Andrews, Alan Kerr, Ken Murphy; Tom Cumming, Eddie Krncevic and Carl Gilder. Reserves: Zravko Lesan, Bill Vojtek, Branko Culina, Brian Davidson.



Essendon — back row: M. Franjic, J. Gardiner, G. Smart, Y. Banovic, S. Kokoska, A. Kerr, A. Bilaver, W. McArthur (coach); front row: Z. Lesan, B. Culina, W. Vojtek, T. Cumming, H. Andrews, B. Davidson. Missing: E. Krncevic (on tour), C. Gilder (injured).

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RUDI IS OFF AND RUNNING

For national coach Rudi Gutendorf, Teutonic precision and devotion to the old fashioned work ethic seem to come naturally.

He duly arrived from Koblenz, West Germany last Wednesday morning, spent the afternoon with ASF secretary Brian Le Feuvre — and by next morning had his schedule worked out and typed...

...for nine weeks!

On Thursday he gave Press and radio interviews, in the evening met Joe Vlasits — and in between squeezed in several quick meetings with old acquaintances and answered numerous telephone calls, most of them from Chilean migrants, whose national team he had coached in recent years.

For the next few weeks he'll stay in a hotel, then hopes to buy a house somewhere in the Eastern Suburbs.

End of October or early November his wife will join him — but by that time he's getting ready to travel to Auckland with the national under-19 team for

Canberra

Canberra City won the inaugural game for the Prime Minister's Cup against Newcastle at Bruce on Sunday. Two second half goals from Terry Byrne, in the 57th and 83rd minutes, gave Canberra a 2-0 victory and the trophy, presented by local MP and supporter John Haslem. Neither Milovanovic nor Moulis appear likely to face Fitzroy in the Philips Cup quarterfinal at Bruce on Sunday. Mike still hasn't arrived home from Yugoslavia, while Danny is suffering a recurring back injury.

The already splendid National Stadium will receive a long awaited boost for next season — floodlighting. Is it too much to hope for the lights to be installed for a February evening game against the Cosmos? Financially, there would be no worries for Canberra, with 20,000 people at, say, \$4 a head. With the finest soccer venue in the country, Canberra could attract more spectators for visiting sides than Brisbane and Adelaide, and as many as Sydney and Newcastle. Yet, no doubt, this soccer city will be bypassed yet again...

— CHRIS KUNZ

— By Andrew Dettre —

the World Youth Coca-Cola Cup elimination matches.

"We should perhaps find a good, catchy name for this team, like the Socceroos have," he says. "It's too much of a mouthful to say Australian under-19 team." We agree: maybe our readers can suggest some which we'll be happy to publish. Editor.)

This week he met all the State coaches of the various U-19 teams for a discussion and on Friday he's off on a long haul of familiarization trips.

This week and next he'll breeze through Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne and Newcastle with a one-day break in Sydney then on October 8 he will welcome his old friend and colleague, Karl-Heinz Heddergott, the brilliant West German, FIFA and Coca-Cola youth coach visiting Australia.

In between he'll announce his first U-19 squad which, hopefully, goes into a few days camp on October 13, repeated on October 19.

The final squad will assemble on October 27 for the first camp and on November 3 for the last one before the November 9 departure to New Zealand.

There Australia will play Taiwan (November 11), Fiji (November 14) and finally New Zealand (November 18) for the right to take part in a further elimination tournament in South America, probably in January.

Gutendorf already knows enough about our soccer to realise that one of the main problems with younger players is to motivate them towards achievements.

"I would like to propose some scholarship for the best one or two young players to spend the off-season with a top German or Dutch club; these could be



National coach Rudi Gutendorf.

selected not by me but by the public at large," he says.

"Maybe the ASF could find a sponsor for such a scheme.

"It's difficult nowadays, in affluent societies, to maintain the enthusiasm of young players; they must know why they asked to bring sacrifices.

"But it's not restricted to young players, and certainly not to Australia.

"In Hamburg I had some famous players, including internationals Kaltz, Nogly and Volkert, who would have preferred to sleep all day and get

up only to collect their pay packets.

"Keeegan was an exception: from the first day he arrived he worked like a man obsessed; I never had to tell him at training to run faster, keep moving, and so on. He was a professional's professional."

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NSW FINALS

The 6th Division Championship finals were played at Potts Park, Birrong.

In the reserve grade between Prospect County v West St. George, the county team took an early command of the midfield which led to centre forward Mark Robak scoring the first goal of the match.

West St. George put some moves together through their midfield and down the right wing from which came the equaliser late in the first half.

The second half saw Prospect score on another three occasions.

In the 70th minute West St. George pulled back with one goal and from then on Prospect's defence was continually pressured by a very determined West St. George attack.

The final score of 4-2 showed Prospect County the winners but the sportsmanship of the West St. George team and officials as they waited to clap the Prospect players off, met with resounding applause from the 1000 spectators.

Goal scorers were West St. George: Warren Keen, Scotty Caterson. Prospect County: Tony Britta, Mark Robak (2), Steven Meoni.

The first grade final between Eastern Creek and West Holroyd was a hard tussle.

Eastern Creek's Barry Marshall scored first from 25 metres in the 22nd minute.

West Holroyd scored two minutes into the second half when the Eastern Creek goalkeeper punched the ball to a West Holroyd player who gratefully headed it into the net.

The game continued very even into extra time. Unfortunately for Eastern Creek, Rich Kacic missed a golden opportunity to score four minutes from full time.

The replay provided plenty of thrills in a tension packed match which finally had to be decided on penalty kicks.

Although the quality of the football did not reach the high standard of the previous week, spectators were not disappointed.

A rejuvenated West Holroyd took the lead in the 21st minute with a well judged header.

Throughout the half West Holroyd appeared the sharper side, using the long ball effectively.

Eastern Creek could not settle into their usual short passing, fluid style. In a dramatic turnaround the second half saw the league premiers start to hit their straps in search of the equaliser.

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to give the championship to the league premiers.

In the 7th Division Championship final, Reserve Grade, Maccabi and Chullora had another hard-fought game.

Maccabi's Michael Levin scored the only goal of the match from 20 metres in the second half.

Their goalkeeper, Eddie Kapell, played a magnificent game, thwarting all of Chullora's shots.

Midfielder Vic Topper and defender Brian Topper also had good games.

The first grade match was played again between the Maccabi and Chullora Clubs.

Maccabi opened the score with a good individual goal by Harold Finger.

Shortly after Chullora were awarded a penalty and took the score to 1-1. Extra time saw no change and the game was replayed last Saturday at Potts Park, Birrong.

Maccabi, with three players back — Bernie Pollock and Phil Wolanski back from injury and Peter Kadar from suspension — took the lead early with Ray Lodge scoring in the fifth minute, and then Gary Weiss followed with their second goal in the 15th minute.

Chullora scored with a close range goal from P. Lanham (celebrating his 21st birthday), just before half time. After the break, Chullora were awarded a penalty from which A. Salkeld scored from to equalise.

The game was marred by the sending off of Chullora's goalkeeper, who is also their captain.

Maccabi slotted their third goal in with the foot of Ron Silvers scoring his 22nd goal of the year.

Chullora missed their last chance in the final minute with only the goalkeeper to beat.

The final score of 3-2 to Maccabi gave them their first premiership ever.

'GABBIE AT HOME

Toongabbie's new ground on their own Seven Hills property will be used — but not overused — next season.

Football club manager Bill Parkhouse said this week that the fourth embankment would be in place shortly and turfing will follow.

First class drainage has been laid, and the club believes that the field will be as good as Marconi Oval or Barton Park at their present stage of development.

The amenities block has been completed and a VIP and press lounge will be located above it.

Toongabbie remains interested in Girraween Park in case a wet season forces them to proceed carefully until the turf settles.

They will also use it for their junior teams.

— K.G.

PSL TO CAST ITS NET WIDE

— By Keith Gilmour —

Clubs from Ipswich to Whyalla with Philips League ambitions have until October 15 to lodge their applications.

The States are being circularised seeking entries, and clubs will advise whether they are aiming for 1979 or 1980 membership.

The League will progressively increase from 14 to 18 or more clubs, without adding to the Sydney or Melbourne numbers.

In fact, the inner Sydney metropolitan ring, which includes Marconi, will be encouraged to reduce their numbers from the present four clubs by merger.

The City of Parramatta has been correctly classed as a separate area for promotional purposes, so there is the big cue for clubs with enterprise.

Suitable applicants from centres such as Ipswich, Wollongong, Geelong and Whyalla will receive every consideration.

The same applies to Newcastle and Canberra, as the PSL considers that they should be capable of carrying a second club by 1980.

Already the PSL have APIA-Leichhardt's application, provisional applications from Wollongong and a second Canberra club, and a first approach from Geelong.

"Irrespective of the change of names from an ethnic base, clubs have indicated that within two years they will each have a wide general representation in their affairs with members drawn from the community in which they live," Sir Arthur George said.

On this theme Easts-Hakoah's change to Sydney City has been

fully accepted and club chairman Frank Lowy has indicated that they will adopt a highly promotional stance in 1979.

As generally expected, a more realistic attitude has been adopted on the question of promotion and relegation.

Territorial and other criteria will be examined as well as the standing of the bottom teams at the end of the year.

"The League is not yet fully stabilised, and it may or may not be advisable for a team to go down.

"The English system is obviously inappropriate in Australia.

"I believe it is a very positive step to let the two demoted clubs re-apply along with others interested," he said.

The new scheme will come into vogue for a four-year term.

Three separate sub-committees have been appointed to thrash out solutions to current problems.

The first, under the chairmanship of Sir Arthur George, involves the NSW Federation Executive and the five Sydney PSL clubs in seeking a solution to the placement of the PSL clubs in the NSW Federation and the number of teams they are to field.

If either side is unreasonable then the ASF will make the decision. With some clubs claiming that too much expense is involved in fielding three teams, the compromise may be two for the first year.

One source close to PSL affairs said after last Wednesday's Sydney meeting that the Sydney PSL clubs were being asked to do no more than was the case in other States in similar circumstances.

He said that default in this regard could lead ultimately to a questioning of the club's real ability to operate at national level.

A sub-committee will handle the problems between the Victorian Federation and their PSL clubs, which are on a lesser scale.

Finalisation of Ampol Cup gate percentages and the State Federation's right to penalise PSL players are at stake.

Similarity in disciplinary methods between the PSL and the States is needed to overcome present inequities.

The Perry Park problem, with Brisbane Lions anxious to abandon the ground in favor of a 3500 covered seat development at their own Richlands Stadium, will be handled by the third committee, which includes both Sir Arthur George and Sam Papasavas, the present chairman of the PSL management committee.

Lions are threatening to quit the PSL if they do not get their way, but against that they came to a three-year arrangement with the QSF, an original arrangement that is now costing them dearly.

They will draw from both their own fans in the south-west corner of the city as well as from Ipswich once they re-establish themselves at home.

NOTES TO OUR MUSICAL CHAIR

Despite popular belief and many wisecracks, the turnover in coaches is not excessively high.

In the two years of the PSL, Hakoah, Marconi, Western Suburbs, Footscray and Canberra have not changed coaches.

Neither has, of course,

	1977	1978
HAKOAH	Gerry Chaldi	Gerry Chaldi
MARCONI	Rale Rasic	Rale Rasic
ST GEORGE	Manfred Schaefer	Ilija Takac
WESTERN SUBURBS	Ilja Takac	Joe Vlasits
OLYMPIC	Mike Laing	Mike Laing
FITZROY	Bruce Stowell	Tom Anderson
	Kaz Kulak	George Gibson
		Joe Marston
STH MELBOURNE	Jim Adam	Tony Boggi
	Tony Boggi	John Margaritis
	Con Xanthopoulos	Dave Maclarens
FOOTSCRAY	Cedo Cirkovic	Cedo Cirkovic
ADELAIDE CITY	Edmund Kreft	Les Scheinflug
WEST ADELAIDE	Mike Johnson	John Margaritis
	Bill Birch	Neil McGachey
		Jim Adam
BRISBANE CITY	Ian Kesson	Luciano Nesti
	Nereo Saftich	Dennis Ford
		Ian Rathmell
BRISBANE LIONS	Les Scheinflug	Brian Daykin
CANBERRA	John Warren	Julius Vincze
NEWCASTLE	Alan Vest	John Warren
		Alan Vest

STATE LEAGUE

BANKSTOWN — AVALA 4-2 (0-1)

Bankstown scored four second-half goals to come back from 0-1 at the break and defeat Avala 4-2. Although Bankstown had the best of play early, Avala took the lead when Greg Lynch brought down Garry Bateman. Tony Boskovic awarded a penalty, which Ilijas converted. In the second half Bankstown came back grimly — equalising early when Greg Lynch made up for his earlier blemish by pushing a Neil Williams corner around Rimmer in Avala's goal. Six minutes later Dave Tansley rose to a good corner from Pat Thompson to put Towns ahead. Avala struck back immediately. Mira Milovanic, who had replaced Eddie Patterson, hammered one home past Terry Greedy.

Bankstown then forced the issue. Stan Jankovic brought Dennis Williams down and Williams scored. Avala's

defence struck back with Mark Barton, George Krejza and Pat Deller tackling hard. Five minutes before the end Bill Latronica came on, hit a cross on to the post and Billy Angelopoulos pushed it in.

BANKSTOWN: Greedy 4, Thompson 3, Lynch 2, Rootsey 4, Usher 2 (Trusty 45m), Peck 3, Morrison 4, Williams 4, Angelopoulos 2, Daley 3, Tansley 3 (Latronica 85m).

AVALA: Rimmer 3, Krejza 3, Deller 2, Jankovic 2, Barton 4, Necic 3, Jancek 4, Patterson 2 (Milovanic 60m), Bateman 3, Kodo 3, Griffiths 3.

Goals: 0-1 Necic pen. (30m), 1-1 Lynch (53m) 2-1 Tansley (59m), 2-2 Milovanic (62m), 3-2 Williams pen. (73m) 4-2 Angelopoulos (88m). **Referee:** T. Boskovic. **Crowd:** 315.

— D. MORRISON

YUGAL — ARNCLIFFE 2-3 (0-1)

Amid great excitement Arncliffe scrambled to a 3-2 victory over Yugal and so assured themselves of remaining in State League next year. Arncliffe nearly blew it — squandering a two-goal lead and scoring the winner only eight minutes from the end. Arncliffe scored first in the eighth minute when left-back David Butler moved up into attack to within four metres of goal and headed in a pass from Alan Bankhead. It was nearly all Arncliffe in the first half and only goalkeeper Andy Mandrides kept them at bay. In one eight-minute period he brought off four magnificent saves, any one of which could have been a goal. Goal No. 2 fell to Steve Blackburn in the 58th minute from right in front of goal.

Yugal came back in the 66th minute when Steve Radovac scored a good goal. Six minutes later Tom Mihajlovic netted a penalty after Radovac was

tripped, bringing the score to 2-2. Then Arncliffe's John Muscovits' free kick from outside the penalty area crashed into goal for the winner. Midfielder Alan Bankhead was Arncliffe's best, followed by David Butler, Frank Hall and John Muscovits. Steve Radovac and Mike Novakovic were Yugal's best.

YUGAL: Mandrides 4, Radovac 4, Majorski 3, Prgomelja 3, Novakovic 4, Begovic 2 (Piper 65m), Cuk 3, Tonoski 3, Delaney 2 (Rodas 65m), Gallifucco 3, Mihajlovic 3.

ARNCLIFFE: Rogers 3, Butler 4, Warner 3, Smart 3, Hall 4, Martin 3, Baker 3, Bankhead 5, Muscovits 4, Blackburn 3, Brizuela 3.

Goals: 0-1 Butler (8m), 0-2 Blackburn (58m), 1-2 Radovac (66m), 2-2 Mihajlovic pen. (76m), 2-3 Muscovits (82m). **Referee:** G. Power. **Crowd:** 287.

— E. DE MESQUITA

MELITA — CROATIA 1-2 (0-1)

Although Croatia only defeated Melita 2-1, the scoreline was not a true indication of the match. Croatia were in complete control, and with Attila Abonyi in magical form the Eagles did not look like winning. Many Croatia chances went begging and the main culprit was the same Abonyi. His worst miss was late in the second half, when he shovelled a Maurice Sullivan cross over the bar with the goal wide open. Despite such misses Abonyi had a blinder of a game. He was the maestro of a well orchestrated organisation which could do nothing wrong.

After 20 minutes of near misses Abonyi found the back of the net as he volleyed a Sullivan cross past the helpless Uwe Bracklow. And 10 minutes later Bobby Russell made it 2-0 when he rose high above the defence to head in a Sullivan corner. Croatia played the rest of the game in

the same attacking mood and made the Melita players look like schoolboys. Melita's consolation goal came from Joe Farrugia from the penalty spot after Greg Smith brought down Tony Ikonomou. This sparked off a late rally by Melita but the Croatia defence held firm. Best for Croatia was — the whole team! For Melita Joe Farrugia showed glimpses of skill.

MELITA: Bracklow 2 (Marsden 45m, 3), Verviers 2, Mikas 2, Yamine 3, Huntley 3, Darvill 3, Parker 3, McAusland 3, McPherson 2 (Drossos 2), Ikonomou 3, Farrugia 3.

CROATIA: Watson 4, R. Russell 4, J. Russell 4, Muller 4, Smith 4, Savor 3, Coleman 3, Stone 3, Abonyi 5, Kovacic 4, Sullivan 4.

Goals: 0-1 Abonyi (20m), 0-2 R. Russell (30m), 1-2 Farrugia pen.

Referee: T. Davies. **Crowd:** 5600.

— S. MUTIMER

MONARO — SUTHERLAND 2-2 (0-0)

Monaro staged a late rally to recover from a two-goal deficit and snatched a draw to keep alive their semi-final chances. After a fairly even and scoreless first half, Sutherland rocked Monaro by establishing a two-goal lead which seemed fatal. Their task looked hopeless but Monaro rallied strongly and a superb diving header from Tony Morsello put the country lads back in the hunt.

The equaliser was just as spectacular, with Giampaolo tearing the Sutherland defence apart with a mazy run before supplying Valeri with a pass which he fired home. Overall the match was fast and exciting and one of the best seen in Queanbeyan.

ADELAIDE

Azzurri's end of the season ball will be held at the St. Bernard's Youth Centre on September 30. For tickets ring the club's promotions manager, Tony Simeone, on 332-3379.

A dinner has been organised by SASF on October 10 at Joe Oberdan Convention Centre to introduce Karl-Heinz Heddergott of the West German Football Association. Heddergott is one of the world's leading coaches and will be here to carry out coaching promotion for Coca-Cola. For tickets and further information contact the Federation office.

This Saturday the Coca-Cola Cup final will be played at Hindmarsh Stadium, at 3pm, between Polonia and Croatia. It's a cup final and anything can happen, but if last Saturday's Polonia form is anything to go by, they will start favorites.

Adelaide City lost to Footscray 2-3 (1-0) in a trial match. Coach Les Scheinfliug organised this match to sharpen-up his players for Sunday's Philips Cup quarterfinal tie against Essendon in Melbourne. Although Adelaide City lost, the score was not a true indication of the game. City were the better team and should travel to Melbourne with confidence to qualify for the next round. Scorers: Footscray: Ristovski, Vasic, Piccione. Adelaide City: Deans, John Nyskohus.

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— Vic Migliaccio —

as a junior at the age of 14. Since then he has played in State youth teams, State under-21s and represented South Australia at the highest level eight times. McGachey recently won the Advertiser-John Martin \$1000 "Golden Boots" award for the best SA PSL players, and could go close to winning the national ASPA "Player of the Year" award to be announced in Sydney on October 12.

On the local scene, the winner of ASPA's "Player of the Year" award for the Rothmans League is 22-year-old Belgrad mid-fielder-striker John Kamleitner.

Australian-born, he has superb skills and a splendid record as a player, playing first division soccer for Belgrad since he was 17, and representing the State youth and senior teams. My tip is that John Kamleitner will play for a PSL club next season.

West Adelaide are Australian soccer champs, and they want everyone to know it. The club has made available 5000 car stickers. The blue and white stickers read: Champions '78 Philips Soccer League: West Adelaide!

Polonia defeated Azzurri 3-1 at Hindmarsh on Saturday in the semifinal of the Coca-Cola Cup. Polonia were in control from the start, and their method and experience were too much for the younger "off day" Azzurri. Scorers — Polonia: Joe Lorecki, Henry Koleki and Claudio Cadena; Azzurri: Chris Monave. Best for Polonia: Di Bartolo, Poloczek, Lorecki, Cadena; for Azzurri: Metamomski, Iannace, Simeone, Marusic.

West Adelaide captain and midfield dynamo Neil McGachey has won the inaugural Australian Soccer Press Association (SA Division) "Player of the Year" award for Adelaide's Philips League players for 1978.

McGachey, 26, born in Scotland, migrated to Australia at the age of 11. His brilliant soccer career started when he joined Hellas (now West Adelaide)

Odds against Auburn; Bankstown lose fight

Excitement galore as Melita Eagles, Inter Monaro and Auburn fight out a three-way last ditch battle for just two semi-final positions!

GRANVILLE v AUBURN

Mal O'Neill so close to the end of the season.

MONARO v MELITA

Monaro gained an advantage of being at home last week and celebrated by holding Sutherland to 2-2.

This week they need both points against Melita to be certain of a semi-final spot.

The game promises to be a battle royal, because Melita have their semi-final position on the line also.

Gary Fairclough, having won himself a place in the midfield, should do well for Auburn.

His vigor complements the skills of wily John McDonald, and the Magpies will find it hard to match them.

MARRICKVILLE v CROATIA

Sunday's match at Arlington against the premiers pulls down the curtains on season 1978 for Olympic.

They are finishing at the bottom of the top group, and 25 points from as many matches represents a reasonably good season.

However, one or two weaknesses have appeared in the side which coach John Xipolitas has been unable to plug.

Sutherland stand to win in an interesting encounter, but not without a battle.

Goalkeeper Gary Rimmer, who has replaced Peter Ahrens between the posts for Avila, is proving his worth.

With other youngsters such as Branko Kodor and Garry Bateman also in the team, Avila cannot hope to the moment for complete consistency.

If they click on the day they will give the Sharks a hard run.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

STATE LEAGUE

	Bankstown v Avila	4-2	1-3	3-3
	Sutherland v Sutherland	2-2	0-5	3-1
	Monaro v Croatia	1-2	1-0	2-2
	Yugal v Arncliffe	2-3	1-3	0-2

NSW

	DIV. 1, GRADE 1	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	21	4	6	12	42	42	
Sutherland	15	5	5	39	17	35	
Melita	15	1	9	42	31	31	
Monaro	12	6	7	43	31	30	
Auburn	13	3	9	50	36	29	
APIA	12	3	10	34	24	27	
Toongabbie	10	6	9	31	29	26	
M. Olympic	11	3	11	32	36	25	
Avila	8	3	13	32	41	19	
Yugal	7	5	12	31	48	19	
Granville	6	6	13	25	40	18	
Manly	5	6	13	23	51	18	
Arncliffe	5	6	14	22	42	16	
Bankstown	4	5	16	26	46	13	

	DIV. 1, GRADE 2	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	19	4	2	16	56	13	42
Croatia	16	4	5	51	24	36	
APIA	16	3	5	36	19	35	
Sutherland	15	4	6	63	16	34	
Auburn	14	4	6	48	24	32	
Arncliffe	13	4	7	47	22	30	
Melita	11	5	8	39	33	27	
Granville	12	2	10	43	31	26	
M. Olympic	6	9	10	30	44	21	
Toongabbie	4	7	13	25	38	15	
Avila	5	3	17	28	53	13	
Yugal	6	1	17	25	69	13	
Monaro	5	1	19	21	73	11	
Bankstown	3	3	19	20			

WORLD NEWS



Keegan "killed" in Hamburg — charge

The "Keegan crisis" seems to deepen in unhappy Hamburg, the club which so desperately wants success but is unable to decide on the way to get it.

Last year some critics blamed manager Dr Krohn and coach Rudi Gutendorf (now the Socceroo boss) for being "soft" on Keegan.

Now, Keegan's Hungarian-born manager, Gyula Pasztor, claims that new coach, the Yugoslav Branko Zebec, is "mentally destroying" the English star.

"Zebec has blamed Keegan for the failures of the team and insulted him in front of the team and also in the Press," says Pasztor.

"He has no idea how to handle this wonderful player and sportsman."

"I'm amazed that even manager Gunter Netzer is doing nothing to solve the crisis. With his experience as a former player, surely he must see what that mad Yugoslav is doing."

Pasztor claims that Zebec hates Keegan because of the "Belgrade incident".

In 1974, when travelling to Yugoslavia with Liverpool, Keegan was brutally attacked and beaten by Yugoslav police at Belgrade airport.

After that he said he would never want to visit that country again.

"That rankles Zebec's patriotism," Pasztor says. "And he is ready to kill Keegan off."

Netzer, surprisingly perhaps, is passive in the debate. "Keegan must realise that he's not the only star in the team," he says.

Keegan himself is getting fed up with Hamburg. Although consistently the best player of the team week after week, he feels he is the centre of club intrigues and jealousies.

"I've been here for over a year but I'm still not accepted by the other players," he complains.

"I am told to pass the ball at once but when I run on, I never get it back. Under these conditions I cannot produce my best."

Keegan is now certain that this will be his last season with Hamburg.

"I want to leave but not back to Liverpool. Perhaps I'll try Spain or Italy next year and hope for more humane treatment."

COSMOS CRASH

Just how good is Cosmos and what's the true worth of the US pro league?

In the semifinal playoff for the US title, Cosmos had to play the lowly Minnesota Kicks twice.

In the first match Cosmos suffered a stunning 9-2 defeat — the greatest ever in the history of the NASL.

The young English striker, Willey, scored five of the nine goals, many laid on by Derby's Charlie George.

However, in the return game Cosmos won 4-0 — and a series of "shoot-outs" became necessary as goal differences don't count.

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Tommy axed by Aztecs

Tommy Smith's disappointing season at the Los Angeles Aztecs ended prematurely when he was sacked as player-coach three days before the end of the regular season.

While the Aztecs were playing their penultimate home game at the Rose Bowl, the disillusioned Smith was on a London-bound jet.

The Liverpool iron-man was told to start packing after an outburst against club president Larry Friend.

Said Smith: "I would never have thought it possible for one man to ruin a franchise in a single season but it happened before my very eyes."

Ian Callaghan, another ex-Liverpoolian, is also about to join the Swans.

Belgium's Anderlecht is anxious to be one of Europe's top teams. Now they have signed the brilliant Brazilian enfant terrible, Francisco Marinho, for a cool \$550,000 from Fluminense. Already they have four Dutch internationals in Haan, Rensenbrink, Geels and Dusbaba plus Belgian international Vercauteren under the care of coach Raymond Goethals, former supremo of Belgium.

Last week the French Cup kicked off — with the participation of 2544 clubs, including amateurs and non-professionals. The final is set for June 16 in Paris.

Mario Trabaglini is the new technical supervisor of the Brazilian Federation with the task of unearthing young players capable of blending into a team by the 1982 World Cup.

Bayern Munchen coach Gyula Lorant is really on his way out: his players complain that he treats stars like Mueller, Schwarzenbeck and Hoeness as children.

According to the Spanish magazine, "Don Balon", the best paid player in Spain is Kempes, with Valencia, on \$320,000 a year, followed by Neeskens (Barcelona) on \$230,000. Recently signed Austrian star Krankl (Barcelona) is on "only" \$105,000 a year but may improve . . .

Scotland's World Cup players have hit back at their critics. "What did they expect from us," one said, "we received \$300 for our appearances." Well, it's not quite true: they got \$150 for losing to Peru, \$300 for drawing with Iran and \$450 for beating Holland, a total of \$900 a player.

Adolph Dassler, founder and president of the world famous Adidas sports gear network, died at 78 in Erlangen, West Germany. The telescoping of his name (adi-das) provided the famous brand which for years manufactured soccer boots only. He started with 50 employees in 1945 — and the firm today employs 15,000. The first big breakthrough was in 1954 when West Germany won the World Cup — in Adidas boots.

Arsenal of London have offered \$400,000 to Ajax Amsterdam for their international stopper, Ruud Krol. Ajax wants more . . .

Valencia's next coach may be Helmut Senekowitsch, who recently resigned as Austrian team manager. He worked in Spain previously as club coach.

East Germany beat Czechoslovakia 2-1 in Leipzig in a friendly match.

Poland won 2-0 against Iceland in Reykjavik, mainly through the great performance of new star Boniek.

The USSR beat Iran 1-0 in a friendly match in Tehran, with newcomer Hidajatullin, from Spartak Moscow, scoring the winner. This week (Sept. 20) the USSR plays Greece in the European Championship at Yerevan.

The national team of the USA (only Americans, no guests) lost its second European tour match, going down 2-0 to lowly Switzerland.

Ricardo Zamora, the former great Spanish goalie, died last week in Barcelona at 78. During his brilliant career he appeared for Espanol, FC Barcelona and Real Madrid. He played for Spain when England suffered their first defeat on the Continent, in 1929, losing 4-3. After his retirement he was coaching the Venezuelan and Spanish national teams as well as the French Nice and Spanish Espanol. Later he worked as radio and TV commentator.

Hungary beat the Czechoslovak Kosice 4-1 in a friendly match in Budapest.

In the European "Supercup" final, Liverpool and Anderlecht will meet on Dec. 4 (Brussels) and Dec. 19 (Liverpool).

Brazilian coach Claudio Coutinho still cannot accept the verdict of the 1978 World Cup. "We played under absurd rules," he said. "The real final was between Brazil and Italy. Look at it this way: earlier Italy beat Argentina — and still finished fourth. We came third — though we never lost a match. Holland finished second — despite losing twice. Where is the logic in this?"

Malcolm Macdonald, the Arsenal ace, having had a cartilage operation on his left knee, will now have to undergo similar surgery on his right knee.

"Maybe his German grammar is faulty but his expressions are choice," says Paul Breitner of Bayern's Hungarian-born coach Gyula Lorant.

Argentinian star Osvaldo Ardiles has suffered his first injury in England when Tommy Smith, the ex-Liverpool star now with Swansea, bulldozed him into the ground in a cup match. "This is not kid's stuff," Smith said later, matter-of-factly, in case Ardiles dared complain . . .

EURO — CUP

CHAMPIONS CUP

First round, first leg: Real Madrid (Spain) 5, Progress Niederkorn (Luxembourg) 0; AEK (Greece) 6, FC Porto (Portugal) 1; Fenerbahce (Turkey) 2, PSV Eindhoven (Holland) 1; Club Brugge (Belgium) 2, Wisla Krakow (Poland) 1; Vilaznia Scutari (Albania) 2, Austria Vienna (Austria) 0; Zbrojovka Brno (Czechoslovakia) 2, Ujpest Dozsa (Hungary) 2; FC Cologne (West Germany) 4, IA Akrares (Iceland) 1; Juventus (Italy) 1, Glasgow Rangers (Scotland) 0; Nottingham Forest (England) 2, Liverpool (England) 0; Grasshopper (Switzerland) 8, Valletta (Malta) 0; Valkeakosken Haka (Finland) 0; Dynamo Kiev (Soviet Union) 1; Malmoe (Sweden) 0, AS Monaco (France) 0; Omonia Nicosia (Cyprus) 2, Bohemians (Ireland) 1; Odense BK (Denmark) 2, Lokomotiv Sofia (Bulgaria) 2; Linfield (Northern Ireland) 0, Lillestrom (Norway) 0; Partisan Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 2, Dynamo Dresden (East Germany) 0.

Second leg: Bodo Glint (Norway) 0, Union Luxembourg 1 (played Tuesday). Bodo won 4-2 on aggregate.

UEFA CUP

Dukla Prague (Czechoslovakia) 1, Lanerossi Vicenza (Italy) 0; CSKA Sofia (Bulgaria) 2, Valencia (Spain) 1; Borussia Moenchengladbach (West Germany) 5, Sturm Graz (Austria) 1; FC Arges (Romania) 3, Panathinaikos (Greece) 0; Atletico Bilbao (Spain) 2, Ajax (Holland) 0; Jeunesse D'esch (Luxembourg) 0, Lausanne (Switzerland) 0; FC Nantes (France) 0, Benfica (Portugal) 2; Sporting Gijon (Spain) 3, Torino (Italy) 0; SC Braga (Portugal) 5, Hibernian (Malta) 0; Galatasaray (Turkey) 1, West Bromwich (England) 3; Dynamo Berlin (East Germany) 5, Real Star Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 2; Kuopion Palloseura (Finland) 2, B1903 Copenhagen (Denmark) 1; Basel (Switzerland) 2, VFB Stuttgart (West Germany) 3; Moscow Torpedo (Soviet Union) 4, Maide FK (Norway) 0; Elfsborg (Sweden) 2, Strasbourg (France) 0; MSV Duisburg (West Germany) 5, Lech Poznan (Poland) 0; Start Kristiansand (Norway) 0, Esbjerg (Denmark) 0; Arsenal (England) 3, Lokomotive Leipzig (East Germany) 0; Carl Zeiss Jena (East Germany) 1, Lierse SV (Belgium) 0; Twente Enschede (Holland) 1, Manchester City (England) 1; Hibernian FC (Scotland) 3, Norrkoping (Sweden) 2; Politechnico Timisoara (Romania) 2, MTK Budapest (Hungary) 0; AC Milan (Italy) 1, Lokomotiv Kosice (Czechoslovakia) 2; Dynamo Tbilisi (Soviet Union) 2, Napoli (Italy) 1; Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia) 2, Rapid Vienna (Austria) 0; Hertha Berlin (West Germany) 0, Trakia Plovdiv (Bulgaria) 0; Kinn Harps (Ireland) 0, Everton (England) 5; Standard Liege (Belgium) 1, Dundee United (Scotland).

CUP WINNERS CUP

Sporting Club (Portugal) 0, Banik Ostrava (Czechoslovakia) 1; Barcelona (Spain) 3, Shaker Donetsk (Soviet Union) 0; Valur Reykjavik (Iceland) 1, FC Magdeburg (East Germany) 1; Marek Stanke Dimitrov (Bulgaria) 3, Aberdeen (Scotland) 2; Ferencvaros (Hungary) 2, Kalmar FF (Sweden) 0; SK Beveren (Belgium) 3, Ballymena (Northern Ireland) 0; PAOK Saloniki (Greece) 2, Servette (Switzerland) 0; Universitate Craiova (Romania) 3, Fortuna Dusseldorf (West Germany) 4; Zagłębie Sosnowiec (Poland) 2, SSV Innsbruck (Austria) 3; AZ67 Alkmaar (Holland) 0, Ipswich (England) 0; Shamrock Rovers (Ireland) 2, Aepel Nicosia (Cyprus) 0; Nogometni Rijeka (Yugoslavia) 3, Wrexham (Wales) 0; Floriana (Malta) 1, Internazionale Milan (Italy) 3; Frem Copenhagen (Denmark) 2, AS Nancy Lorraine (France) 0.

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